

Task -- Bench Design

A. Date

The students were given the assessment early September.

The date of submission of the final report was 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2012.

B. Unfamiliar situation

We wish to make it clear from the outset that this whole task was unfamiliar to our students. In lessons, before the task was given, emphasis had been on solving quadratic equations, using a variety of methods. Graph work was limited to solving equations and looking at the nature of roots.

The notion of applying one knowledge and understanding in this creative way was authentically new for our students.

C. Standardization

Standardization was carried out on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2012. It involved 2 teachers (BL and DS).